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Reception



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Your first step to a brilliant future!

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WHY CHOOSE ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL?

So you are thinking about which secondary school to go to.

We want to tell you all about EGS and why you should come and see us so we can show you our fantastic school.

We are all very friendly and welcoming here and you will start to feel at home from the moment you meet the teachers and step inside our school!

We have amazing facilities, including:

- Sports centre
- Tennis courts
- State-of-the-art astro-turf area for PE and breaktimes
- Fully equipped classrooms for each subject area
- Dance and drama studios
- Cinema screen for film studies
- Professional grade recording studio
- Brilliant outdoor spaces for socialising with your friends



We know it is a big change coming from primary school to a larger secondary school, so we have an entrance and outdoor spaces just for Year 7 students.

We want all of our students to have excellent access to IT, so we will give you a Chrome book when you join us.

We also think it is very important for you to have a full educational experience, so everyone in Year 7 will be loaned a [musical instrument](#). You will be given free tuition as well!

Our students are always telling us about how much they love the [food](#) here. Our cafeteria '**Ambitions@Ellis**' has an excellent menu - from snacks at breaktime (the cobs are always very popular) to meals at lunchtime. The meal deal is fantastic value! Everything is paid for with your fingerprint so it couldn't be easier. It's also a really great place to hang out with your friends.

We know you are all different and we welcome and celebrate [diversity](#). We promote awareness in lessons and around the school and we work continuously to make our school a warm and welcoming place for everyone.

We will support you whatever your religion, ethnicity, gender presentation or individual needs.



WHAT ARE LESSONS LIKE AT ELLIS GUILFORD?

You will build on what you have studied before and learn new subjects, such as: French, Spanish, Drama, Dance, Music, Computing, Design and Technology, and Food and Nutrition.

All of our classrooms have brilliant equipment and facilities.

Your teachers are experts in their subjects and they will teach in fun, exciting ways.

You may feel like there is a lot to take in, but don't worry, you will soon get used to it all. We will give you knowledge organisers which summarise what you will learn in each subject. This will help you to remember what you have learnt and when you need to revise!



WHAT ELSE CAN I DO AT ELLIS GUILFORD?

There are lots of clubs on offer at lunchtime and after school. There really is something for everyone. There are clubs, such as STEM club, where you can explore subjects you are studying in more depth. We have lots of sports clubs and you may want to join one of the school teams. You can join a club for something you love already or try something new.

Music

We are huge fans of music at Ellis Guilford. We regularly put on musicals and school productions and there are lots of school bands you can join.

Lots of students form their own bands and we are supportive of this, giving you space to practice and the chance to perform in front of the school. Perhaps your big musical career will start at Ellis Guilford!

Trips

We run trips to places like museums and theatres, and go on field trips to support your studies. We also run 'reward' trips - more on that later!

Lifelong memories

We think extra-curricular activities are a very important part of school life and the experiences you have will often form lifelong memories. So ask us what we have planned for our next Year 7 students.



WHAT HELP IS AVAILABLE AT ELLIS GUILFORD?

We hope that you have picked up that we are a friendly school.

We take your education very seriously, so we make sure that your lessons are calm spaces where you can concentrate on learning. But your teachers make things fun as well!

Everyone needs help from time to time. Because our school is a supportive community, our students tell us they feel happy to speak to any of their teachers if they need help. You will get to know your form teacher really well so they will be happy to listen whenever you need to talk.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE DONE WELL?

Everyone makes mistakes and we will work with you to help you improve. We prefer to concentrate on when you have done well in areas such as your studies, effort, behaviour, attitude and achievement.

We give out positive points for 'Stars of the Lesson' and students can achieve points for lots of other things too. These points add up to badges (300 bronze, 600 silver, 900 gold, 1200 platinum).

We give out badges on 'Fab Friday' which include 'Student of the Lesson' and 'Star of the Week'. We will also spread the word on social media about how great you are!

There are also reward events at the end of every term for the best students, and any student who earns a gold badge gets a trip to Alton Towers at the end of the year!



WHAT YEAR 7S SAY ABOUT US:

We have told you lots about what we are like here and why we are such a brilliant school. Now over to the experts - our current Year 7 pupils:

Fitting in:

There is lots of help to make friends, including icebreakers where you work with someone you don't know already.

Finding your way round:

It's a big school but very friendly and you will soon feel at home. Teachers take you to your classes so there's no possibility of getting lost.

New teachers:

The teachers are great and they are experts in their subjects.

Music:

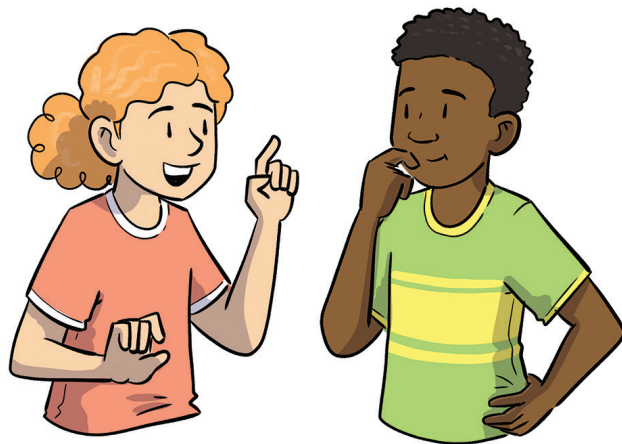
It's brilliant learning a new musical instrument.

Getting help:

Ask for help if you are worried about anything - everyone will help.

To sum up Ellis Guilford:

It's lots of fun!



WHERE DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ELLIS GUILFORD?

We have lots of information on our website.

Have a look for information about upcoming tours of our school and ask your parents or carers to book places for you all to visit.

If you have any specific questions, please ring us on: **0115 913 1338** or email: **enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk**.

We hope to see you soon!



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